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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Tweedy, D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT: Ed Proctor's Reaction to ARPA Research Proposal

1. Ed's reaction to the proposal I discussed with you this morning on "ARPA Supported Research Relating to Intelligence Production," was completely negative.
2. He reports that he knows of no external contract research effort that has ever paid off in terms of results which were worth the manpower costs involved in educating the contractors.
3. If someone came up with a good idea -- someone in whom Ed had trust and confidence - it would be a different story, but Ed does not see any likelihood that a survey of the type I described would have any payoff to the DDI.
4. Ed indicated that if he had any research which needed to be done, this could be arranged through ORD, and he suggested that PRG talk with [redacted] of ORD.
5. I will have [redacted] check the ORD reaction to the proposal, and I will talk to Carl Duckett anyway, just to get his reaction, but in view of the completely negative reaction of Ed Proctor I now recommend--regretfully, since I am not as pessimistic as Ed--that we do not go forward to the DCI with the proposal.
6. ARPA will go ahead in any event, and conduct its survey within the Defense Department.

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Chief, PRG/IC

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